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Land Grant Application- Fletcher, John (Sumner)

John Fletcher

Elizabeth Fletcher

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Paris. July 5th. 1836.

Dear Sir,

I herewith transmit the declaration of Elizabeth Fletcher
widow of John Fletcher, for the benefit of the Resolve of March 17th
1835. for the consideration of the Land Agent.

With much respect,

Yours obt. servt.

Thomas Clark

Paris. Aug. 22d. 1836.

Dear Sir,

I enclose the certificate of the Sec. of State of Mass. in the
case of Elizabeth Fletcher which I presume will satisfactorily
prove her claim - Shall be happy to have an early decision in
her case & likewise that of Thankful Hodgdon.

With much respect,

Yours obt. servt.

Thomas Clark

STATE OF MAINE.

Kennebec County, ss.

Be it Known, That on this *29th* day of *May*, 183*5*, satisfactory evidence has been adduced to me, that *Elizabeth [unclear]* of *Sumner (Cooper)* was the Wife and is the Widow of *John [unclear]* late of *Sad Sumner* deceased.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this *29th* day of *May*, A. D. 183*5*.

A. M. Fuller Judge of Probate, Kennebec County.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Secretary's Office, July 25th 1836.

I hereby Certify, That, from an examination of the Books and Documents, relating to Military Services in the War of the Revolution, which remain in this Department, it appears that the name of John Fletcher is borne on "A List of Men raised agreeable to a Resolve of Court of the 9th of June 1779 in the County of Middlesex" delivered to Capt. James Tisdale.

John Fletcher's name is borne on "Pay Roll for wages due to the Six Months men belonging to the Town of Acton ^{who} were employed in the Continental Service in the several Regiments in the Massachusetts Line in the year of our Lord 1780 from the time they marched to Camp untill they were discharged, including one day's service for every twenty miles distance from the place of their discharge to their respective homes, " where he

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
marched July 15th and was discharged December
31st. and was allowed five months, twenty-six days.

Acton, June 7th 1781

The Subscriber being enlisted for three
years in the Army of the United States to Serve for
the Class in this town whereof John Heald and
others are members have Recd. ninety-two Pounds
ten Shillings as a "Bounty from said Class."

Signed "John Fletcher."

The name of John Fletcher is borne on "A list
of the men from the County of Middlesex, enlisted
agreeable to a Resolve of Court of the 2nd December
1780." where he enlisted April 13th. to serve three years.

John P. Bigelow,

Secretary.

Filed July 9, 1836,

Thomas Clark, agent

hand and seal the
 hereby willing and consenting whatever my said Attorney shall do by virtue hereof. Witness my
 hand to execute such receipt or acknowledgment thereof, as I might, were I personally present.
 Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate for me and in my
 the deceased Officers and Soldiers, to the benefit of which Resolves I am entitled, and my said
 Resolves in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of
 as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 17, 1838, entitled a
 Attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate
 constitute and appoint _____ of _____ my true and lawful
 and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing designation was made, the hereby

I Elizabeth Fletcher of Sumner — in the County of
Oxford — and State of Maine, aged *sixty four* years, do, upon oath, declare
in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 17, 1835, entitled
a "Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the
deceased Officers and Soldiers," that I am the widow of John Fletcher — late
of Sumner — in the County of Oxford — and State of Maine, who died at
said Sumner — on the *twelfth* — day of *March* —

A. D. 1835. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband,
John Fletcher — did enlist into the service of the United States, in the
Massachusetts line, for the several terms of *one year, nine months, & three*
months, & in the last three years service for the term of *three years* — &
served in the companies commanded by Capt. Burnham & others, in
the regiments commanded by Col. —

At the close of said term was honorably discharged. & was at the
time of his death a Pensioner of the United States —


I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late
husband, John Fletcher — was at the time of his said enlistment, an inhabitant of
Acton, in the County of Middlesex, Massachusetts —

and that I do know that he was at the time of his decease as aforesaid, an
inhabitant of the said State of Maine, residing in Sumner — aforesaid, where he had resided for
forty seven years before his decease. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe,
that neither my said late husband, nor any one claiming under him did receive, (nor have I received
since his decease,) a grant of land, or money in lieu thereof, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
for his said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am therefore
justly entitled to the full benefit of said Resolve.

hu
Elizabeth X Fletcher
mark

STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford ss.....Subscribed and sworn to this *seventh* day of *July* 1836.
BEFORE ME,

Simon Barrett Justice of the Peace.


Know all Men by these Presents, That I

Elizabeth Fletcher of *Summer* — in the County of *Oxford*, *widow*
and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby
constitute and appoint *Thomas Clark* of *Pais* — my true and lawful
Attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate
as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a
“Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of
the deceased Officers and Soldiers,” to the benefit of which Resolve I am entitled. And my said
Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me and in my
name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgment therefor, as I might, were I personally present.

HEREBY ratifying and confirming whatever my said Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my
hand and seal this *seventh* day of *July* — A. D. 1836.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
IN PRESENCE OF

Simon Barrett

hu
Elizabeth X Fletcher
not k

STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford ss.

Be it Known, that on this *seventh* day of *July* — 1836,
before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared *Elizabeth*
Fletcher above named, and acknowledged the foregoing power of Attorney by her signed,
to be her free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name the day and year last above mentioned.

Simon Barrett

Justice of the Peace.

[Signature]

Elizabeth Fletcher 383

to
David Kirby

~~Summer July the 2nd 1898~~

~~bought of Elizabeth Fletcher~~

~~this note~~

~~Elizabeth Fletcher~~

~~then~~

~~ms~~

~~out~~

500

STATE OF MAINE.

LAND OFFICE

Augusta, Oct. 1st, 1835.

N^o. 384,
I HEREBY CERTIFY, That *Elizabeth Fletcher*
of *Sumner* in the County of *Axford*, widow of
John Fletcher late of said *Sumner*, deceased,
by declaration sworn to on the 30th day of April 1835,

(See claim N^o. 92.)

and other accompanying evidence has satisfactorily proved *her* claim
to the benefits of a "Resolve in favor of certain officers and soldiers of
the Revolutionary war and the widows of deceased officers and soldiers,"
approved March 17, A. D. 1835, and that "THE LAWFUL HOLDER" of this
certificate is entitled, under the provisions of a Resolve additional to said
Resolve, approved March 16, 1836, to TWO HUNDRED ACRES OF
LAND.

Wm. H. Folsom

Land Agent of Maine.

Exam. & countersigned,

M. Ward

I know all men by these presents that I the Davidge Knight of Lin color
 in the County of Berkshire in consideration of ^{Twenty Five} dollars
 to me paid by ~~the said Henry Warren~~ ^{the said Henry Warren}
~~the said Henry Warren~~ the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby
 bear and sell unto the said Warren this within Certificate and all the land
 to which I am intitled by said Certificate - Witness my hand & seal
 at Bangor this ~~15th~~ ^{15th} day of September 1846.

Witness my hand & seal
~~David Kirby~~

~~David Kirby~~

Oct 25. 1846

This Day Sold to David Kirby all my right
 and title within the Certificate ~~of~~ ⁱⁿ Security
 four Dollars

David Kirby
 Elisha F. Gorton
 Made

In consideration of Seven Five Dollars to me paid
 I hereby sell assign and transfer to Henry Warren
 this certificate and all my rights under it
 October 25. 1846

David Kirby
 October 3. 1846. - In consideration of Seven Five
 Dollars to me paid by the above named Kirby
 I hereby reassign and transfer to him this cer-
 tificate & all my rights under it.
 Henry Warren

James D.

This Day Sold
 and title within the Certificate
 four Dollars

Witness my hand & seal
 Elisha F. Gorton

92
Elizabeth Fletcher
widow of John Fletcher
Appⁿ for land.

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Rec^d May 9, 1835.
For Land Agent.
Entered April 1787, -

not 3 yrs

~~Did not serve three years,
Rejected.~~

Admitted, & certificate
N^o 384, sp^d Oct. 6, 1836,
Sent Tho^s Clark Esq
for mail Oct. 7, 1836.

R. C. Nose Esq.

I Elizabeth Fletcher of Gumner in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, aged Sixty three years, do, upon oath declare, in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a "Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers," that I am the widow of John Fletcher late of Gumner in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, who died at Gumner on the 12th day of March A. D. 1835. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, John Fletcher did enlist into Capt Barnham Company 6th Jacksons Regiment of the Mass Line in the Army of the Revolution in the year 1779 or 1780 for three years and recd an honorable discharge after serving the term of his enlistment for which service he was at the time of his death in the pension law of the State of the Mass.

I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, John Fletcher was at the time of his said enlistment, an inhabitant of Acton, Massachusetts and that I do know that he was at the time of his decease as aforesaid, an inhabitant of the said State of Maine, residing in Gumner aforesaid, where he had resided for about forty years before his decease. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that neither my said late husband, nor any one claiming under him did receive, (nor have I received since his decease,) a grant of Land, or money in lieu thereof, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for his said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am therefore justly entitled to the full benefit of said Resolve.

Elizabeth Fletcher
mark

STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford SS.....Subscribed and sworn to this thirteenth day of April 1835
BEFORE ME,
Simon Barrett Justice of the Peace.

Know all Men by these Presents, That I,

Elizabeth Fletcher of Gumner in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby constitute and appoint ROBERT C. VOSE, of AUGUSTA, in the County of Kennebec, my true and lawful Attorney, for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a "Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers," to the benefit of which Resolve I am entitled. And my said Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me and in my name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgment therefor, as I might, were I personally present.

HEREBY ratifying and confirming whatever my said Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my hand and seal this thirteenth day of April A. D. 1835

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
IN PRESENCE OF

Simon Barrett

Susan Fletcher

Elizabeth Fletcher
mark

STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford ss.
Be it Known, that on this thirteenth day of April 1835, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared Elizabeth Fletcher above named, and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney by her signed, to be her free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name the day and year last above mentioned.

Simon Barrett

Justice of the Peace.

No 19
John Fletcher.

Private.

Col: Michael Jackson Regt
Massachusetts Line

February 1781 to

17 December 1783

Ex

D. M. C.

1.

I John Fletcher, a resident citizen of the United States of America, an inhabitant of Sumner in the County of Oxford and State of Massachusetts, do testify and say, that, in the month of February A.D. 1781, I enlisted into the Army of said United States on the Continental establishment for the term of three years as a private soldier in Capt Burnham's Company, Col. Michael Jackson's regiment and Genl. Patterson's Brigade in the Massachusetts Line, and served about two years in said Company, where I was transferred into Col. Graton's Regiment, altho I continued in the same Company, in the line aforesaid, and continued to serve as aforesaid until the twentieth day of December A.D. 1783, when I received from Genl. Henry Knox an honorable discharge, which is herewith annexed. I further testify that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life, I stand in need of assistance from my Country for support, and that I am not now on any pension list of the United States.

(Signed) John Fletcher.

I Joseph Adams, of Gay in the County aforesaid, do testify and say, that I was in the Continental service in the revolutionary war during the same period that the above named John Fletcher served and was as part of the time in the same Regiment. I saw said Fletcher frequently in said service, and have not the least doubt that said Fletcher served as he has above stated.

(Signed) Joseph Adams.

J. P.
C. C.

United States of America

Maine District Ct. - Be it remembered, That on the twenty second day of April in the year of our Lord

one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, personally, came John Fletcher the applicant named in the papers herewith annexed, and after being duly examined and examined, made oath that the several statements by him made in the annexed application, signed in my presence, are wholly true. And the said applicant further offered in evidence a regular discharge given him in the Revolutionary War, mentioning in the foregoing declaration; also the affidavit of Joseph Adams a fellow soldier with him in said war, made and signed in my presence all of which are herewith annexed. And it appearing to me in the examinations here had, that the several persons above named are credible witnesses, I do hereby admit the annexed declarations as evidence, and certify the same as being satisfactory proof to me that the said John Fletcher the applicant, served as a private soldier in the Revolutionary war, against the common enemy, for the term of nine months and upwards in Continental or the Continental establishment. And I do further certify, that from the declaration of the applicant made before me, under oath as aforesaid, it does appear that in consequence of his reduced circumstances in life, he is in need of assistance from his Country for support; all of which I do hereby certify and transmit to the Secretary of the Department of War, agreeably to the provisions of an Act of Congress, passed March 18. 1818, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war." In testimony whereof, I have herewith set my hand and caused my official seal to be affixed

the day and year first mentioned.

(Signed) Abner H. Parvis, Judge of the United States in and for the District of Maine —

By the Honourable.

Major-General. Engr. Commanding the American Forces in Hudson's River. John Fletcher, soldier in the Third Massachusetts Regiment being enlisted for three years, is hereby honorably discharged from the service of the United States.

Given in the State of New York the seventeenth day of December 1853.

(Signed) A. Engr. M. Gen.

By the General's Command

Signed. Dr. Soughty

A. D. C. for Gen.

Registered in the Books of the Regiment I hereby certify that the foregoing papers numbered from one to three inclusive are truly copies from the originals on file in the Pension Office, War Department.

Benjamin L. Beale

Sept 8. 1853

I certify that Benjamin L. Beale, who is employed by the Land Agent of the State of Maine, under a Resolution of the Legislature of that State, approved by the Governor on the 17th of March 1855, to obtain from the Pension Office certain documents and records, has made as full an examination in the case of John Fletcher as the Books and papers of said Office will allow, according to the best of my judgment and belief stated at the Pension Office the 8th of September 1855

J. L. Edwards

Commissioner of Pensions